

Private Flying**FROM the CLUBS and SCHOOLS****LONDON**

THE flying time for last week was 49 hr. 5 min., and Messrs. T. Phelan, A. J. Cormack and M. Birchenough were new members.

MARSHALL'S

During the last week in April 33 hours' flying was put in and cross-country flights were made to Hatfield, Speke, Ipswich, Reading and Hanworth.

STRATHTAY

Recent splendid weather having proved an inducement, a total of 56 hours' flying was put in. Several new members have joined, including Mr. Charles Thornton, who has very definite "A" licence intentions.

BORDER

Cross-country flights covering a wide area bounded by Newtownards, Abbotsinch, Renfrew and Newcastle were made during April and 112 hr. 15 min. were flown. Arrangements for Empire Air Day are well forward.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

The South African lady golfers are to be entertained to dinner at Sywell on May 31, after which they will be flown to Stratford-on-Avon. The flying hours are steadily improving and several new flying members have joined.

READING

In spite of thick weather at the beginning of the week and the high winds at the end, the machines were kept busy. Cross-countries in the Miles Whitney Straight included Luton, Bokesbourne, Portsmouth and several to Brooklands.

BOURNEMOUTH

With cross-country flights made by members to Harwell and Hayling, a satisfactory flying total of 24 hours was achieved. Mr. J. T. W. Avis was successful in making his first solo and new members—Messrs. Hartley and Gisborne—were welcomed.

REDHILL

Five machines went in formation with Brooklands to lunch at Lympe. On Sunday, the Chilton monoplane was demonstrated to members. "A" licence tests were passed by Messrs. P. Nathan and H. G. Venables, and a total of 44 hr. 10 min. flying was put up.

BROOKLANDS

A luncheon visit to the Cinque Ports Club was made by seven machines from Brooklands and five from Redhill. Arrangements are being made for a flight to Glasgow in order to visit the Empire Exhibition. During the last week Cdr. Stewart made his first solo and Mr. Longmore executed his night cross-country for "B" licence tests.

HAMPSHIRE

Night flying instruction was taken by Messrs. J. L. Gregory and M. R. Ingle-Finch, the former also making his "B" licence night flight from Croydon to Southampton. Mrs. Anne Budd, aged 93, made a flight in the Club Leopard over the *Queen Mary*. A total of 32 hr. 5 min. was flown during the week ended May 6. For the month of April, 206 hr. 45 min. was put in.

BRISTOL AND WESSEX

The garden party of the Bristol and Wessex Flying Club will be held on Saturday, June 11, when an arrival competition for all aircraft landing between 14.30 and 15.30 will carry prizes of £10 (first) and £5 (second). Flying during April was well up to average and 89 hr. 15 min. was logged for the month. In addition, 11 hr. 25 min. was put in during the week ended May 6.

A Vega at St. Moritz

IT may be recalled that a rather attractive heading photograph in a recent issue of *Flight* showed a Vega Gull on the St. Moritz Airport—the first English privately owned machine to land there. Actually, we understand, the machine was the property of Mr. Ian Williamson and had been flown there by Mr. Vernon Motion; the photograph was taken by Mr. Andrea Badrutt.

Amateur Proficiency

IN the fifth number of the Herts and Essex Club's house magazine a new proficiency scheme which has been developed by the club is outlined.

This scheme involves the issue of a special proficiency badge for those members who wish to reach a high standard, but who are either debarred from obtaining, or who do not wish to obtain, their "B" licence. The qualifications involve the completion of 100 hours and the passing of tests (including one for blind flying, but excluding a night flight) similar to those required of "B" licence applications.

On the whole, the idea is an extremely good one, and should not only encourage members to do more flying, but also help to bridge the gap which at present exists between the quite nominal "A" licence and the "B" licence.

BARTON (BEDS)

Visitors to the Bedford School of Flying during last week included two mass formation flights from Hatfield. Sir Arnold Wilson, M.P. for Hitchin, called in to inspect the club and was profuse with his congratulations to the general manager of the airport on the good progress made. A new member was Mr. B. R. Turner, of Bedford.

BOMBAY

The Bombay Flying Club put in 141 hours for the month of April, during which cross-countries were made to Deolali, Poona, Himatnagar, Junagadh and other places. Messrs. L. Hirachand and H. S. B. Tyabjee obtained their "A" licences. A speed-judging competition was held for the cadets of I.M.M.T.S. Dufferin when they visited the club on April 13, and the winner was awarded a joy-ride.

YORKSHIRE

Several flights were made carrying Press photographers wishing to secure pictures of the moorland fires in Derbyshire and Yorkshire. Among charter trips were visits to Glasgow for the Empire Exhibition. Notable visitors included F/O. C. F. Hughesdon and his wife, Miss Florence Desmond. The total flying for April was 202 hr. 15 min. and for the week ended May 6 a further 58 hr. 35 min. was flown.

NORFOLK AND NORWICH

The fruits of the flying scholarship recently awarded to one of their employees by Mann Egerton and Co. are now being reaped, the winner having made his first solo flight. Twenty-two hours' flying was recorded by pupils and pilots for the week ended May 4, a large proportion of this time having been spent in cross-country flights. The gliding section is proving very popular, and quite long flights are being made. Plans for Empire Air Day are well in hand.

CINQUE PORTS

On Sunday last, visiting aircraft from Brooklands and Redhill dropped in for lunch. Mrs. Davis, Mr. Du Port and Mr. A. J. S. Morris flew to the R.Ae.S. Garden Party, Mr. David Llewellyn went to St. Ingelvert in Lord Patrick Crichton-Stuart's Hendy Hobo to give a demonstration, and Mr. A. J. S. Morris flew to Manchester in the Leopard. Mr. B. K. Scrivens made his first solo. High winds still prevailed at Lympe during the last week and only 40 hours' flying was logged.

HERTS AND ESSEX

Throughout the fortnight to May 5 extremely rough weather persisted and suspended flying on several days, including attendance at the Shoreham Dawn Patrol on May 1. The first competition of the season—a cross-country event for the Margaret Blackshaw challenge cup—was flown off on April 24, when Mr. Geo. Parker was winner, with Mrs. A. R. Frogley and Mr. D. C. Mason second and third respectively. Mr. G. L. Parbury sailed on April 29 for South Africa to take up the position of assistant instructor to the Rand Flying Club.

PENANG

On the 6th of the month the Penang Flying Club held its annual rally and display which, owing to the wholehearted co-operation of the Royal Air Force from Singapore, the Fleet Air Arm, the Straits Settlements Volunteer Air Force and the Malayan Flying Clubs, proved an unmitigated success. Fifty-seven machines took part, including every available civil aircraft in Malaya. The display consisted of formation flying, an aerial combat by No. 36 (T.B.) Squadron and the S.S.V.A.F., and some spectacular dive bombing by eighteen Swordfish from H.M.S. *Eagle*. During March several machines from the other Malayan flying clubs visited Penang, and the usual cross-country flights helped to swell the flying times of 109 hr. 40 min. Mr. White did his first solo flight, and has since completed all the tests of the Straits Settlements "A" licence.

R.Ae.C. Official Notices

DEAUVILLE Rally.—The Royal Aero Club is anxious to have a large gathering of private owners on July 16-18 at Deauville, where they will be the guests of the Aero Club of Deauville during the week-end. The invitation is open to all, and those who wish to take part should apply to the Royal Aero Club for particulars.

King's Cup Air Race.—Intending competitors are reminded that entries close on May 28. The race will take place at Hatfield on July 2 over a course of 1,000 miles, consisting of twenty laps of a triangular circuit of fifty miles, starting and finishing at Hatfield Aerodrome. The prizes, in addition to the cup presented by His Majesty the King, amount to £2,000 offered by Viscount Wakefield.

Full particulars and entry forms can be obtained on application to the Royal Aero Club.

Elections.—Mr. W. Lindsay Everard, M.P., has been elected chairman and Mr. F. Handley Page, C.B.E., vice-chairman of the Club for the year 1938.

Captain R. L. Preston and Mr. Kenneth Davies have been elected to the two vacancies on the committee.

H. E. PERRIN, Secretary.